Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri D. B. Kalmankar is authorised to put question No. 524 On behalf of Sri G. Chandrakanth. He may put it.

Action against a Police Head Constable of Bidar

524. Sri D. B. KALMANKAR (Aland) [on behalf of Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH (Bidar)].—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a Police Head Constable of Bidar has shot an old man in broad day light in Mandi at Bidar on 15th April 1969 while on duty, with Government gun and bullet ;

(*b*) whether this Head Constable was on Bandobust duty in connection with the visit of Sardar Ujjal Singh, the Governor of Tamil Nadu ;

(*c*) whether this Head Constable had gone mad sometime back and he was taken on duty even though he was not recovered fully ;

(*d*) the action taken against this Head Constable ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) It is alleged that a Head Constable of D. A. R. at Bidar shot an old man in Bhaji Mandi at Bidar on 15th April 1969 at about 7-15 P.M.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It is a fact that the Head Constable was admitted into the Mental Hospital, Dharwar on 10th May 1968 and discharged from the Hospital on 2nd August 1968 as he was certified to be fit to resume his duties.

(*d*) The matter is *sub-judice*.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—It is said that the Head Constable was admitted into the Mental Hospital, Dharwar on 10th May 1968. The shooting took place on 15th April 1969 when that old man was shot dead which amounts to a murder. May I know whether any case has been filed against the Head Constable ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Immediately the accused was arrested, a case in crime No. 49/69 under Section 203 of the Indian Penal Code was registered and a charge sheet was filed on 14th July 1969. The case is now pending trial.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—As per civil rules is it not a fact that any person who is involved in criminal cases must be suspended from duty till the enquiry is over ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not know the latest position. Anyway I think, Sir, he must be behind bars. I do not think that he has been released on bail also.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೋಳಾ ರಘುರಾಮ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಈ ಮನುಷ್ಯನು ಮ್ಯಾಡ್ ಮ್ಯಾನ್ ಎಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಿದ್ದು 1968 ಮೇ 10ನೇ ತಾರಿಖಿಗೆ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ ಆಡ್ಮಿಟ್ ಮಾಡಿ, ಆಗಸ್ಟ್ 2, 1968ಕ್ಕೆ ರಿಲೀಸ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. 1969, ಏಪ್ರಿಲ್ 15ರಂದು ಇವನು ಗೊಂಡು ಹಾರಿಸಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇವನಿಗೆ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಟ್ರೀಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಆಗಿದೆಯೇ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಎನ್‌ಕ್ವಾಯರಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಅವನಿಗೆ ಟ್ರೀಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದು ಮೆಂಟಲ್ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅದು 1968ರಲ್ಲಿ ಆದುದು. ಈ ಘಟನೆ ನಡೆದುದು 1969ರಲ್ಲಿ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಡ್ಯೂಟಿಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಡ್ಯೂಟಿಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ಎನ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಈ ರೀತಿ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯಿಂದ ಬಂದಂತಹ ಮನುಷ್ಯನಿಗೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಟೇಬರ್ ವರ್ಕ್ ಕೊಡುವುದರ ಬದಲು, ಈ ರೀತಿಯ ರೈಫಲ್ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡುವುದು ತಪ್ಪು. ಹಾಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಂತಹವರಮೇಲೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not know. I said he was treated in Mental Hospital in May 1968 and afterwards he was discharged and he secured a certificate saying that he is fit for duty and he was taken on duty.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know whether the Doctor of Mental Hospital took some money from the Head Constable and therefore he got the fitness certificate ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not know how to answer it.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—Is it not wise on the part of the Government not to entrust fire arms to persons who have suffered from mental diseases and who have been admitted and discharged from the Mental Hospital, since at any time they may go wrong and catostrophies might be caused to public at large ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have already replied.

Gorur dam on the Hemavathi River

51. Sri N. A. CHANNE GOWDA (Pandavapura).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total amount so far spent on Gorur Dam on the Hemavathi River ;

(*b*) the amount spent on staff, staff quarters and dam construction ;

(*c*) the number of Contractors whose tenders have been accepted and the value of work entrusted to them ;

(*d*) whether all the Contractors are executing the works as per schedule ;

(*e*) whether the Government has taken steps to obtain a technically sound seismographic report of the dam area in view of the repeated earthquakes, land tremors at Koyna ?